

In the Claims:

Please Cancel Claims 1-7 without prejudice and replace them with the following claims:

1 (Cancelled).

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Cancelled).

4 (Cancelled).

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Cancelled).

7 (Cancelled).

8 (Newly presented). A composition for controlling parasites on an animal comprising:

- (a) from about 35% to about 60% by weight of permethrin;
- (b) from about 2.5% to about 12.5% by weight of imidacloprid or an imidacloprid analog;
- (c) from about 27.5% to about 62.5% by weight of N-methylpyrrolidone;
- (d) from 0% to about 5% by weight of water;
- (e) from 0% to about 0.5% by weight of phenolic antioxidants; and
- (f) from 0% to about 0.5% by weight of at least one organic acid.

9 (Newly presented). The composition of claim 8, further comprising from about 2.5% to about 10% by weight of at least one cosolvent.

10 (Newly presented). The composition of claim 1, wherein said parasite is selected from the group consisting of fleas, ticks and both fleas and ticks and wherein said animal is warm-blooded.

11. (Newly presented). The composition of claim 10, wherein said animal is a dog.

12. (Newly presented). The composition of claim 10, wherein said animal is a cat.

13 (Newly presented). A process for preparing a composition for controlling parasites on an animal comprising the steps of:

(a) combining from about 35% to about 60% by weight, based on the final composition, of permethrin and from about 2.5% to about 12.5% by weight, based on the final composition, of imidacloprid or an imidacloprid analog to form a first mixture;

(b) combining from about 27.5% to about 62.5% by weight, based on the final composition, of N-methylpyrrolidone; from 0% to about 5% by weight, based on the final composition, of water; from 0% to about 0.5% by weight, based on the final composition, of phenolic antioxidants; and from 0% to about 0.5% by weight, based on the final composition, of at least one organic acid to form a second mixture; and

(c) combining said first mixture and said second mixture to form a third mixture.

14 (Newly presented). The process of claim 13, wherein said second mixture further comprises from about 2.5% to about 10% by weight, based on the final composition, of at least one cosolvent.